

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, as amended, remain herein. Claim 1 is amended. Claims 3 and 4 are presently withdrawn from consideration.

1. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview conducted on June 30, 2009. During the interview, amendments to the Title, abstract and claim 1 were discussed. The Examiner requested that these amendments be formally submitted in an Amendment, and these amendments are presented herein.

2. The Title of the invention is amended to "Low Profile Motor," as suggested in the Office Action.

3. The Abstract is amended to delete all references corresponding to numerals in applicants' drawings.

4. Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over Helmut, JP2000-350404.

Claim 1 recites, in pertinent part, "a motor base comprising a steel plate having a cylindrical motor mounting part and a stator core, such that the motor base, the cylindrical motor mounting part, and the stator core are integrally part of said steel plate, the motor base extending radially outward from the cylindrical motor mounting part past an outer edge of the stator core."

The Office Action alleges that the "motor base 21" of Helmut comprises a steel plate 31. However, Fig. 3 of Helmut shows that base plate 21 is a different element than

annular base plate 31. Thus, Helmut fails to disclose or suggest noted elements of applicants' claim 1. This distinction was presented during the June 30, 2009 interview.

Since Helmut JP2000-350404 fails to disclose every element of applicants' claim 1, Helmut JP2000-350404 is an inadequate basis for rejecting claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Reconsideration and withdrawal of rejection on claim 1 are respectfully requested.

5. Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Helmut JP2000-350404. . As stated above, Helmut fails to teach or suggest "a motor base comprising a steel plate having a cylindrical motor mounting part and a stator core, such that the motor base, the cylindrical motor mounting part, and the stator core are integrally part of said steel plate," as recited in applicants' claim 1 upon which claim 2 depends. Nor would it have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in this art to modify Helmut to provide every element of applicants' claim 1. Helmut contains no teaching that would have motivated one of ordinary skill to provide the specific structure recited in applicants' claim 1. For the foregoing reasons, Helmut is an inadequate basis for rejecting applicants' claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

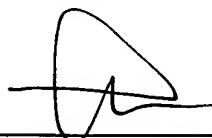
For the foregoing reasons, all claims 1 and 2 are now fully in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The PTO is hereby authorized to charge or credit any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 19-4293. Should the Examiner deem

Serial No.: 10/552,245
Docket No.: 28951.5422

that any further amendments would be desirable in placing this application in even better condition for issue, he is invited to telephone Applicant's undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPTOE & JOHNSON LLP



Roger W. Parkhurst
Reg. No. 25,177
Daniel W. Shim
Reg. No. 56,995

Date: July 14, 2009

STEPTOE & JOHNSON LLP
1330 Connecticut Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036
Tel: (202) 429-3000
Fax: (202) 429-3902